

AMENDMENT

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising steps of:

classifying a media collection as program content versus television commercials, wherein the television commercials are presented chronologically separate from the program content;

identifying program segments within classified program content based on synchronizing recognized speech ~~from the speaker voice characteristics~~ in each identified segment with captioning to extract stories;

analyzing content of a media collection to determine whether speech recognition data or closed captioning data may be used to index the media collection;

indexing the media collection to create an indexed library based on the identified program segments and synchronized speech;

receiving at a server a search query to the indexed media collection from a user;

searching the indexed library to identify a set of candidate program segments based on the search query; and

presenting at a client device of the user the set of candidate program segments for the user to browse and select.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein:

the step of indexing further includes a step forming a browseable image for each segment of the set of candidate program segments, each browseable image including keywords identified in the searchable text data for display in the browseable image; and

the step of presenting includes selecting a display segment from the set of candidate program segments and displaying the associated browseable image with associated keywords.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein:

each browseable image further includes key images identified in the indexed library for display in the browseable image; and

the step of displaying the associated browseable image further comprises displaying associated key images.

5. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein:

the searchable text data associated with the selected display segment includes a first word having low information content and a second word having high information content; and

the step of forming a browseable image includes selecting the second word as a keyword and rejecting the first word as a keyword.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein:

the step of indexing further includes a step forming a browseable image for each segment of the set of candidate program segments, each browseable image including key images identified in the indexed library for display in the browseable image; and

the step of browsing includes selecting a display segment from the set of candidate program segments and displaying the associated browseable image.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein:

the media associated with the selected display segment includes an image of an anchor-person having low information content and a field shot image of an event having high information content; and

the step of forming a browseable image includes selecting the field shot image as a key image and rejecting the image of the anchor-person as a key image.

8. – 17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A system for video indexing and delivery, the system comprising:

a module configured to classify video into program segments versus television commercial segments, wherein the television commercials are presented chronologically separate from the program content;

a module configured to identify speaker segments within the program segments based on speaker voice characteristics;

a module configured to extract stories from the identified speaker segments using synchronized speech to closed captioning of the spoken segments, the synchronizing based on very large vocabulary speech recognition and parallel text alignment;

a module configured to receive a natural language query;

a module configured to select key frames from segments in response to the query; and

a module configured to present the selected key forms to a user device for browsing by the user.